

The Path Forward – Event Schedule

Tuesday, December 8

9 a.m. Keynote Address Released

Registration not required

What is necessary to take the next step forward, to chart a new path towards innovation? Hear from Will and Jenni Harris, a father and daughter team who run a zero-waste farm, White Oak Pastures, in Bluffton, Georgia. In 1995, the Harris family dramatically changed the operations of the farm their family has run since 1866. They now use a regenerative farming model that restores the environment, rebuilt a rural community, and provides quality products to their customers.

10 – 11 a.m. Electrifying the Southeast Economy

The Southeast is an established hub for auto manufacturing and hosts major auto, truck, and bus assembly plants. However, the industry is in the midst of an electric revolution. How can the Southeast remain a hub for the auto industry and support a just transition that protects workers and environmentally impacted communities? Join us for an regional overview followed by a roundtable discussion.

12 – 1 p.m. Lunch Power Hour

Let's meet for lunch – virtually! Connect with peers, friends, and colleagues for a fun and engaging conversation.

3 – 4:15 p.m. Equity in Energy Efficiency

This session will examine how key energy efficiency policies in the region address equity issues. Hear policymaker perspectives on:

- What does equity mean in energy efficiency policy?
- How well does existing energy efficiency policy address equity?
- What are the challenges and opportunities to equitable energy efficiency policy?

Wednesday, December 9

11 a.m. – Health & Energy Efficiency

12:30 p.m.

Do you want to know more how health and energy efficiency are connecting on the ground? Join our panel to learn about utility and non-utility programs that integrate health, healthcare, and energy efficiency. Discover how to build multi-sector coalitions, including with the energy sector, to advance positive health outcomes.

12 – 1:30 p.m. Voices of Equity in Energy

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear about the personal experiences of Black male leaders in the energy industry. Join us for an insightful, transparent, and groundbreaking discussion on the current climate of diversity, the risk of being honest, and working towards racial equity in energy.

2 – 3:30 p.m. Equity, Energy, & Expansion Plenary

Join president, Mandy Mahoney, for a groundbreaking plenary on the past, present, and future of equity in energy. SEEA staff and industry experts will lead attendees in a robust discussion on how we can work together to achieve equitable solutions and expand opportunities for all through energy efficient policy, electric transportation, the built environment, and the workforce.

4 – 5:30 p.m. Choose Your Own Adventure Networking

Select from traditional networking, energy efficiency trivia, or a mixology demonstration at this unique-to-you event.

Thursday, December 10

**11 a.m. –
12 p.m. Benefit-Cost Analysis of EVs**

Join us for an overview of The National Standard Practice Manual (NSPM), and an exercise on applying the manual's Benefit Cost Analysis and Rate Impact Analysis in the context of transportation electrification.

Speakers include:

- Anne Blair, Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance
- John Shenot, Regulatory Assistance Project
- Chris Neme, Energy Futures Group
- Dana Lowell, MJ Bradley

12 – 1:30 p.m. Advancing Energy Equity

More people in the South experience energy insecurity than in any other part of the U.S. Rooted in historic discrimination, the barriers to energy equity in the region are cultural, not technological. SEEA and Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute are developing shared data and policy frameworks to advance energy equity. This session covers the current breakdowns in the energy system that produce inequity, innovations that enhance resource impact, and where investment can reduce energy insecurity.